

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 5 - Autumn Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

Carol Concert

The children have been busily learning the songs during collective worship these past couple of weeks and are looking forward to sharing this with you.

We will be having a dress rehearsal at 2.15pm on Thursday 15th December. We would like to encourage those of you with younger siblings to come along to this performance if you are able to.

Our main performance will be at 9.30am and 2.30pm on Friday 16th December. All children will perform at every performance. Space will be limited, so we are only able to accommodate 2 tickets per child/family. Please email admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk to state which performance you will be attending as we will need to manage capacity within the hall.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. The menu will be:

- Sliced turkey breast with chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes and a choice of seasonal vegetables.

Or

- Vegetarian Quorn fillet, veggie sausage, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes and a choice of seasonal vegetables.

Choice of desserts - reindeer cupcakes; chocolate crispy pudding; raspberry ice-cream roll or Christmas shortbread.

Children will order their lunch during registration on the day. Children in Reception/Y1 and Y2 are entitled to free school lunches. If your child is in Y3-Y6, and they would like a Christmas lunch, the cost is £2.85 (please pay in advance in Arbor, under Meals).



TT Rockstars and Numbots

Well done to all of those children who have taken part in our TT Rockstar tournament and Numbots this week.

This week's results:

Reception/Year 1 - Rosie, Janan, Jesse

Year 2 - Elodie, Alfie

Year 3 - Tom, Sera, Scarlett

Year 4 - Danny, Oscar, Jasmine

Year 5 - Bethany, Rachael, Isla-Jayne

Year 6 - Phoebe, Kirk, Beatrix

Christmas Postbox

This will be at the top of the steps at pick up and drop off for children to post their cards. Please ensure that the correct class names are on the envelopes.

Reverse Advent

Thank you for your kind donations this week. We will be delivering these to the Food Shed on Tuesday morning.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to those parents that came along earlier in the week to the phonics workshop. I hope you found it useful. We have lots of older books surplus to our requirements if you wish to make a small donation. These will be available after school next Friday.

Long Weekend

As you know, school is closed today for INSET Day and Monday 5th December (Occasional Day), re-opening on Tuesday 6th December.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Hedgehog Class

This week in English we have been making predictions and re-telling a story using pictures, words and sentences. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning to use the language 'greater', 'fewer' and 'equal'. Reception have continued to work on part and wholes by making 4 and 5. For the start of our D&T project, we have been looking at where different foods come from.

Squirrel Class

We have been busy this week exploring our D&T project. First, we thought about where food comes from and found out that the two main sources are animals and plants. We investigated the best ways to prepare foods and which tools are the best for different jobs such as slicing, grating and measuring. Squirrels enjoyed looking at uncooked pulses and root vegetables before investigating how these change once they are cooked. Our English this week has been linked by looking at and following instructions to complete a recipe. In Maths, we have continued to explore whole-parts including finding the missing part or whole in a range of number problems such as weight, height and money. Squirrels worked through word problems to find the missing part or whole using inverse calculations.

Foxes Class

This week the children wrote their own Norse myths. They have worked hard on these and Mrs Dynes was very impressed! In Maths, the children have been solving multiplication problems using the strategy of arrays. The Elf has returned to the classroom and Foxes have enjoyed decorating their classroom ready for Christmas.

Badger Class

This week Badger Class have explored tines, tones and shades in their artwork, focusing on landscapes and how best to portray them on paper. We have also looked at ordering the major themes in The Bible in R.E. (Creation, the fall, people of God, incarnation, gospels, salvation and the kingdom of God). One more thing parents - dance! The children have enjoyed learning a set of steps to a classic celebration song played at many parties and weddings, hopefully they can do a little performance on request?

Some dates for the diary:

- Monday 5th December - school closed for Occasional Day.
- Friday 9th December - Non Uniform Day in exchange for a chocolate donation for Christmas Fete.
- Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper and FOG Christmas Fete.
- Thursday 15th December at 2:15pm - School Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal (open to parents and younger siblings).
- Friday 16th December - Whole School Carol Concert (2 performances - 9:30am and 2:30pm). To book, please email admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk stating which performance you would like to attend (2 tickets per child/family).
- Wednesday 21st December - break up for Christmas holidays (early finish - time to be confirmed).

"With God, all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26